

I pay for XM satellite radio and enjoy it. There is nothing like this service. The local broadcast radio "commercial-fests" -long blocks of nothing but advertising- made me try Satellite radio, and I truly enjoy it. Especially since it is a pay service, I do not believe that regulations should stop XM from broadcasting local area weather and traffic conditions. I am forced to listen to these on commercial radio even when I don't want to. No one forces me to listen to them on XM, it's my choice, and my money. I worked in commercial radio for many years, so I understand the concern of local stations. But no group should prevent me from listening to a service I pay for. I pay for and can watch many channels on cable or satellite TV, some local origination, (but not local broadcast stations) what is the difference? Maybe having some competition will make local stations improve their programming. I respectfully urge you to reject the National Association of Broadcasters petition 04-160. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.